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Dear George:

Study activity necessary to a determination of the requirements to be met by System No. 4 equipment was initiated by this contractor on 1 June 1955, and has been proceeding on a modest scale since that time. It is planned to increase the magnitude of the effort devoted to this program in the immediate future.

Until such time as a basic requirements study has been completed and it has been possible to visualize in reasonable detail the ultimate configuration of the system, it will be impossible for us to submit a technical exhibit and cost estimate covering the work required for system development.

Accordingly, and in view of the element of urgency attending this program, this contractor respectfully requests:

- 1. Temporary authorization, similar to that granted previously for Systems No. 2 and No. 3 and effective for the period extending from 1 June 1955 to 1 September 1955, to proceed with the performance of all work essential to the conduct of this program, it being understood that the work will be conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions set forth in Contract No. A-101.
- 2. Authorization to submit vouchers supported by statements of direct labor and overhead costs incurred by the contractor, to recover all funds expended under this program in an amount not to exceed in total for the work performed during this period.

This contractor agrees to enter into negotiations with the contracting agency for the execution of a formal contract covering the work to be performed at the earliest date practicable prior to expiration of the temporary authorization requested.

Sincerely,

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